

CLAIMS:

1. An information system comprising an information access point relating to at least one pre-determined geographical area, said information access point including apparatus for retrieving information relating to computing platforms located within said pre-determined geographical area, together with security attributes of said computing platforms, said information system being arranged to provide said information to a user upon request.
2. A system according to claim 1, wherein said information system is arranged to provide as said information only details and/or a list of public keys of genuine trusted computing platforms within said pre-determined geographical area.
3. A system according to claim 1, wherein said information access point comprises a trusted computing platform.
4. A system according to claim 1, comprising apparatus for communicating or interacting with a user's portable computing apparatus.
5. A system according to claim 4, wherein said apparatus for communicating or interacting a user's portable computing apparatus is arranged to perform said communication or interaction by physical contact or directional wireless communication.

6. A system according to claim 1, incorporating or accompanied by a declaration concerning the trustworthiness of the system.
- 5 7. A system according to claim 6, wherein said declaration is capable of interpretation by a user without preprocessing by an information processing system.
8. A system according to claim 1, arranged to verify the identity of a user.
- 10 9. A system according to claim 1, arranged to enable a user to perform operations, either locally or remotely, upon the information provided thereby.
- 15 10. An information system comprising a computing platform having a trusted component, apparatus for communicating with a user's portable computing apparatus, said information system being arranged to geographically retrieve information relating to a pre-determined area and to communicate said information to said user's portable computing apparatus upon request.